

master or owner of the passing vessel, unless in cases where some unavoidable casualty or accident may make it impracticable to remove said obstructing vessel; and if a vessel, when moving to make room for another, be obstructed by any vessel, the master or owner of such obstructing vessel shall forfeit five dollars for such obstruction, and at the rate of five dollars per hour during the continuance of such obstruction, to be recovered by the master or owner of the passing vessel aforesaid; *provided*, the said harbor master shall Proviso. have directed said removal; and the harbor master shall receive for said service the sum of five dollars, to be paid by the captain or owner of such vessel causing the difficulty, but nothing herein contained shall give the harbor master any control, except in cases of dispute when called on. Power of harbor master

196. No vessel shall enter Smith's dock, Union dock, or Frederick street dock, without first ascertaining whether there is a vacant place at the wharf where she can lie, under a penalty of five dollars, to be paid to the harbor master, for the use of the city of Baltimore. Vessel to ascertain vacancy before entering

197. All vessels which shall be found obstructing the passage of said docks shall remove when requested by the harbor master of the district in such manner as will afford a free and unobstructing passage to any passing vessel, under a penalty of five dollars for refusal to remove, and five dollars per hour for each hour they shall obstruct such passage after due notice shall have been given to the master, owner or person in charge of such obstructing vessel by such harbor master. Vessel obstructing passage to make room. Penalty.

Approved and in force April 4, 1870.

#### FLOATING DEBT.

1870, c. 143 enacts that the mayor and city council of Baltimore is authorized to fund the floating debt of the city to an amount not exceeding eight hundred thousand dollars, and to issue the bonds of the city for the amount of the debt so funded, payable at the pleasure of the city of Baltimore after July the first, nineteen hundred, and bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable quarterly on the first days of January, April, July and October, in each year until redeemed,